

Who needs an air quality permit?

Any source that releases a regulated air pollutant into the air above specified levels must obtain an air quality permit.

Contact the Air Quality Department at (602) 506-6094 to find out if you need an air quality permit.

Small businesses may contact the department's Business Resource Center at (602) 506-5102 for assistance in completing the application package.

Examples of sources and operations needing air quality permits include: boilers; incinerators; chemical processing, handling, or storage; material (sand, gravel, etc.) handling; abrasive blasting; industrial and commercial coating or painting; stationary engines; solvent cleaning; dry cleaning; petroleum storage.

What is an air quality permit?

A permit is a written authorization to build, install, and/or operate equipment that emits, or controls the emissions of air contaminants such as:

- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
- Particulate matter (PM-10)
- Carbon monoxide (CO)
- Nitrogen oxides (NO_x)
- Sulfur oxides (SO_x)
- Lead (Pb)

The Maricopa County Air Quality Department is a regulatory agency whose goal is to ensure clean air standards are upheld for the residents and visitors of Maricopa County. The department is comprised of the following nine divisions:

- Administration (Finance/Human Resources)
- Air Monitoring
- Air Quality Compliance
- Business Resource
- Dust Compliance
- Enforcement
- Permit Engineering
- Planning and Analysis
- Trip Reduction & Voluntary Vehicle Repair and Retrofit

Mission –

The mission of the Air Quality Department is to protect our most vital, natural resource; air, so the people of Maricopa County may live and breathe in a clean air environment.

Vision –

To achieve the highest air quality standards in Maricopa County as we evolve with the county's escalating growth.

Air Quality Permit Information

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Protecting our most vital, natural resource; air.



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How to Apply for a Permit

- 1) Determine if a permit is required.
- 2) Obtain an application either from the department in person or via the website: www.maricopa.gov/aq
- 3) Bring your completed application to the Air Quality Department along with a non-refundable filing fee.

To find the application fee amount for your permit, please check Maricopa County Rule 280. That may be found on our website at: www.maricopa.gov/aq/ruledesc.asp



If the application is submitted as a result of receiving a notice of violation (NOV) an additional \$100.00 late fee will be charged.

- 4) The permit application will be reviewed for compliance with applicable air quality rules and regulations. To ensure the equipment or activity follows applicable rules & regulations, the Air Quality Department will publish a notice of intent to issue a permit.

The department allows a 30-day public comment period once a permit application is filed and reviewed.

If there is no request for a public hearing during those 30-days the permit is invoiced and the permit is issued upon payment of the permit fees.

After the permit has been issued the permittee may commence installation of the process equipment.

Following the installation process, a permit compliance site inspection is conducted. The facility will be inspected by air quality inspectors on a regular and/or complaint basis to assure compliance with the permit.

NOTE: There may be additional steps such as a public hearing or an appeal to the Maricopa County Air Pollution Hearing Board.



Air Quality Department Permitting Process

